

STEWART FIELD
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Dearest Dottie,

Well how I've got
30 hours on the nose.
That brings my total
time up to 175 hours
and forty seven minutes,
it's really beginning to
mount up now. That last
ride in the AT-6 was
a good one. I was
charged to do solo transition
and aerobatics, and so
was Tom Bent, so I
met him at 7,000' over
aux 2 and we had a
merry time chasin' each
other all over the sky.
It's a hell of a lot of fun

trying to stay on a
guy's tail, especially when
it's a good pilot like Tom.

If there are any new
maneuvers in the books we
sure did them today.

I sure had the thought
of going to advanced and
flying those G.P. trucks
after flying a sweet ship
like this baby. I sure wish
I could make pursuit.

We still don't know where
we're going or when or
how - this damned army!

Oce honey, it's swell
to get long letters from
you. I wish we didn't have
to write too, that you could
be here with me. You
wouldn't hinder my flying
or my work at all, darling
you'd help it, but there's
other reasons why we've got



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to wait until March.
Not only because I'm
not making enough money,
or because we wouldn't have
much time together, but honey,
what if I ever washed out?
We'd be in one helluva
mess then, I would only
make 50 bucks a month.

I want you to understand
darling that if I ever do
wash out (and it happens to
the best of us) I couldn't
marry you until I was
graduated as a Navigator
or Bombardier, I know you'll
understand why, angel.
But if I do make it honey,
you'll have a husband on your

hands before you know
what happened. You bet I want
to get married the day I
get home darling. I wish it
could be the day I graduate,
but I guess that would be
too much for one day.
Gosh I love you—

I'm glad you decided to
wait until after Christmas
to get another job. That's
the smartest thing to do now.

I spoke to Steve about
Sunday and he said he'd
love to come down if we
don't get a delay en route.
If we do he'll probably
go home. He said for me
to tell you that he thanks
you for asking. It was
very sweet of you to ask
him darling but after all,
everything you do is sweet.



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Oh, about that 90 days
on the post deal after we
graduate. All I have to
do is pay rent for a
\$ room in the B.O.A. I
don't have to live here.
That is considered establishing
residency on a Post; it's
an A.F.F. Regulation for
newly commissioned officers.

I'm going to try to
write Dad soon, when
I get the time, but we've
been busy here lately, I
haven't even written Mom
this week. In this outfit
you hardly get time
to breathe, among other
things.

Don't mind what I say
about Bill hon, I know he
must be a swell guy if you
ever went with him. It's just
that I don't like what his
intentions were toward you
darling. And I'm not jealous
of him, honey. I trust you
completely, I know that if he ~~mentioned~~
anything to you now hon, you'd
tell me. But let's not talk about
that. all I know is that I love
you darling, and miss you
terribly, you'll never know how
much.

Well darling, I've got to go
to work now. I love you hon,
and am counting the minutes
until I see you again my
darling. Until then you have-

All my Love
Fredd